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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING THE REAPPOINTMENT
OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office for United States Magistrate Judge Jerome J. Niedermeier is due to expire on April 22, 2006. The United States District Court for the District of Vermont is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the incumbent to a new eight-year term of office.

The duties of a United States Magistrate Judge include the following: (1) conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the parties.

Members of the public and the Court's Bar are invited to comment on the incumbent's suitability for reappointment and may provide other pertinent evidence as to the incumbent's good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament and commitment to the administration of equal justice under the law.

All comments should be made in writing and *must* be received on or before December 31, 2005. By mail, comments should be sent directly to:

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